



How SIIP's partnership is governed



All SIIP activities are decided by a high level Solomon Islands-Australia Steering Committee, co-chaired by the Secretary to the Prime Minister and the Australian High Commissioner. Permanent Secretaries of the Ministries of National Planning and Development Coordination (MNPDC), and Finance and Treasury are also members.

The committee meets quarterly to assess and agree on projects SIIP will support, and reviews progress on activities already underway. This joint decision-making ensures projects are well-aligned to national priorities and coordinated within the scope of SIIP resourcing..

SIIP JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE

Assess projects and review progress.

SIIP JOINT TECHNICAL LEADS

Permanent Secretary MNPDC and Counsellor Economic, Australian High Commission provide technical inputs and oversight.

SIIP HUB

Manages project implementation, stakeholder engagement and provides technical expertise to ensure projects and capacity building are delivered to a high standard.

Our guiding principles

All SIIP activities are guided by five principles:

-  **Aligned** with the priorities of Solomon Islands and Australia, and overseen by a joint Steering Committee.
-  **Inclusive**, accessible infrastructure in every province.
-  **Resilient** to climate change and natural disasters
-  **Local jobs** and supporting industry with skills and opportunities wherever possible.
-  **Safe, quality and sustainable** planning, design and construction.

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The Solomon Islands Infrastructure Program (SIIP) is Australia's flagship 10-year SBD1.5 billion partnership with Solomon Islands to create local economic opportunities through a pipeline of high priority infrastructure projects.

Launched in June 2021, SIIP will:

1. Help build high quality, nation-building infrastructure focusing on inclusion, climate resilience and local jobs.
2. Work with government and industry to establish the best settings and practices to plan, finance, construct and maintain infrastructure to drive long-term, sustainable economic growth across the nation.

SIIP will deliver **4** outcomes for Solomon Islands

 Finance Greater access to international infrastructure finance.	 Planning Improved planning & policy settings to support quality and inclusion.	 Construction Construction of high quality, priority infrastructure.	 Capacity Improved skills and capacity to plan, build and maintain quality infrastructure.
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Local jobs and opportunities

Growing local jobs and opportunities is one of SIIP's five key principles. SIIP will help create jobs both in the construction sector and within the communities we work with. Each activity will prioritise industry skills, training opportunities and the use of local materials. SIIP will balance these local content principles with delivering quality, resilient infrastructure. This local, inclusive approach means more jobs and economic opportunities to support national recovery from COVID-19.



The Infrastructure Lifecycle



How the Solomon Islands Infrastructure Program is raising the standard of infrastructure development every step of the way.



Delivering high quality, long lasting and sustainable infrastructure takes time and care. SIIP gives attention to each phase of the 'infrastructure lifecycle' from *pre-concept to operation and maintenance* to ensure that:

- 1. Community using infrastructure are consulted** - including youth, women and people with disability - so that their needs are understood and planned for.
- 2. Planning considers the use of appropriate design and materials** so that infrastructure can be locally built, materials locally procured and assets locally maintained wherever possible.
- 3. Local companies and community are given every opportunity to be involved** in infrastructure construction and maintenance.
- 4. The impact of climate change and natural disasters are planned for** to ensure infrastructure is resilient.
- 5. Workers from government and the private sector are upskilled** wherever possible during the infrastructure lifecycle to establish best practice policies and processes for the long term benefit of Solomon Islands.

To raise the standard of infrastructure development in Solomon Islands - to make it more inclusive, better built and more resilient - SIIP works with government ministries, provincial governments and state-owned enterprises, the private sector and international finance organisations. We help create partnerships and collaboration to support the nation's infrastructure priorities and deliver economic growth, while improving the capacity and skills of the sector as a whole.



Current activities



SIIP focuses on infrastructure that drives local jobs and economic growth: transport (land, sea and air), ICT, electricity, water and sanitation, and infrastructure that supports rural development. Current projects include:

- **Infrastructure planning:** SIIP is supporting the Ministry of National Planning and Development Cooperation to better plan and prioritise major infrastructure projects across the country.
- **Provincial Markets Project:** SIIP is redeveloping markets across Solomon Islands to grow local economies. Focusing on substations, new markets will be built at Malu'u, Buala and Seghe, costing an estimated SBD17 million each. Other locations are being assessed in Guadalcanal and Honiara, with locations in other provinces to be identified.
- **Noro Port Redevelopment:** SIIP is supporting Solomon Ports to upgrade Noro Port wharves and facilities. This will create more opportunities for local businesses and increase fisheries exports. SIIP will undertake the feasibility and design studies required to attract funding for overall project delivery.
- **Bina Harbour Tuna Processing Plant:** Under the leadership of the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources, SIIP is funding a water and sanitation feasibility study for the proposed plant and Bina township - a critical step in progressing the project.
- **Seghe and Taro airport upgrades:** SIIP is providing finance to support the Ministry of Communication and Aviation's upgrade project in partnership with New Zealand.
- **Additional projects** are currently under planning and consideration.